GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Panchayati Raj Institutions have been marginalized in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States have set up parallel Village Development Committees;

(d) whether reservation of weaker section in Panchayati Raj Institutions have been overlooked;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(f) the States where Panchayat Elections have not been held so far, State-wise; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper implementation of Panchayati Raj enactment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a)&(b) The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 requires States to devolve funds, functions and functionaries on PRIs including in respect of 29 subjects listed out in the Eleventh Schedule. The devolution status in respect of these subjects is given at Annexure.

(c) As per the information received from the State Government, Village Development Committees, also called the Gram Vikas Samiti have been constituted for each Gram Panchayat in the State of Haryana which is chaired by the Village Sarpanch and has both women, SC and backward classes Panches as its members.

(d)&(e) All the State PR Acts have made provisions for reservations in accordance with the provision of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992. However, in the State of Bihar these provisions have not been implemented for SCs/STs chairpersons as the matter is sub-judice.

(f) Elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions have not been held in the Union Territory of Pondicherry and the newly carved out State of Jharkhand so far.

(g) As the nodal Ministry for ensuring the implementation of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 the Ministry has been constantly pursuing the matter of the implementation of the provisions of the said Act with the States.

ANNEXURE

STATUS OF DEVOLUTION OF DEPARTMENTS/SUBJECTS WITH FUNDS, FUNCTIONS AND FUNCTIONARI
PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

Sl.No. States/UTs No. of Departments/subjects TRANSFERRED to Panchayats with

Funds Function Functionaries

1Andhra Pradesh 5 17 2
2Arunachal Pradesh - - -
3Assam - 29 -
4Bihar 8 25 only functional control
5Jharkhand - - -
6Goa 6 6 -
7Gujarat 15 15 15
8Haryana - 16 -
9Himachal Pradesh 2 26 11
10Karnataka 29 29 29

11	Kerala	26	26	26
12	Madhya Pradesh	10	23	9
13	Chhattisgarh	10	29	9
14	Maharashtra	18	18	18
15	Manipur	-	22	4
16	Orissa	9	25	21
17	Punjab	-	7	-
18	Rajasthan	18	29	18
19	Sikkim	24	24	24
20	Tamil Nadu	-	29	-
21	Tripura	-	12	-
22	Uttar Pradesh	4	12	6
23	Uttranchal	-	11	11
24	West Bengal	12	29	12
25	A&N Islands	6	6	6
26	Chandigarh	-	-	-
27	D&N Haveli	-	3	3
28	Daman & Diu	5	9	3
29	NCT of Delhi	Panchayati Raj System is yet to be revived		
30	Pondicherry	-	-	-
31	Lakshadweep	-	6	-

The provisions of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 are not applicable to the States of J&K, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.